

Bavarian-Czech Networking Event: EU Battery Calls 2026/2027 on Green Materials and Production for Batteries

26 February 2026 | Time: 13:00 – 18:00 hrs (CET)

Venue: Technology Centre Prague (CZ NCP) | Prague | Czech Republic

Moderation: Dr Panteleïmon Panagiotou, Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR)

- 12:30** **Registration open**
- 13:00 – 13:10** **Welcome & Opening Remarks**
Karel Klusáček, *Technology Centre Prague*
Dr Panteleïmon Panagiotou, *STEM Unit, Bavarian Research Alliance*
(BayFOR)
- 13:10 – 13:20** **Policy Keynote: EU Battery Ecosystem**
René Samek, *Czechinvest, Business and Investment Development Agency*
- 13:20– 13:30** **Bavarian-Czech funding programmes**
Kateřina Gaier, *Bavarian-Czech Academic Agency*
- 13:30 – 13:50** **Horizon Europe – Cluster 4 Digital, Industry & Space**
Dr Michael Wessel, *Project Management Jülich* (NCP DIT, Germany)
- 13:50 – 14:10** **Horizon Europe – Cluster 5 Climate, Energy & Mobility**
Kateřina Dostálová, *Technology Centre Prague* (NCP Czech Republic)
- 14:10 – 14:25** **Clean Industrial Deal (CID) - Opportunities for Battery Projects**
Philip Hawkins, *DG Climate, European Commission*
- 14:25 – 14:45** **Coffee Break**
- 14:45 – 14:55** **M-ERA.NET & Clean Energy Transition Partnership (CETP)**
Kateřina Volfová - Gabriela Satková, *International Cooperation Department,*
Technology Agency of the Czech Republic
- 14:55– 15:05** **Batteries European Partnership Association (BEPA)**
Bozorg Khanbaei, *Executive Director*
- 15:05 – 15:15** **Support services for EU Projects**
Dr Panteleïmon Panagiotou, *STEM Unit, Bavarian Research Alliance*
(BayFOR), EEN Bavaria

- 15:15 – 15:25** **Enterprise Europe Network (EEN) Partnering Support**
Monika Vrbková, *Financing Entrepreneurship Support Team*, JIC – Innovation Agency in Brno, South Moravian Region, EEN Czech Republic
- 15:25 – 15:35** **Battery Cluster Perspective (Czech Republic)**
Jan Vejbor, Czech Battery Cluster
- 15:35 – 16:05** **Best Practice: From Ideas to EU Projects**
Franz Geyer, EU Project IPCEI Battery, BMW
Dr. Viera Pechancová, EU Project TWINVECTOR, Tomas Bata University in Zlín
- 16:05 – 16:25** **Coffee Break**
- 16:25 – 17:25** **Pitch Talks**
Participants from Bavaria & Czech Republic
- 17:25 – 17:30** **Closing Remarks**
Dr Panteleimon Panagiotou, Bavarian Research Alliance (BayFOR)
- 17:30 – 18:00** **Networking / Get-together**